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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a life of courage, selflessness, and personal integrity and was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2011 communities across the United States will come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King and his leadership in the movement to secure civil rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Santa Barbara County are invited to participate in a community march from De la Guerra Plaza, up State Street, to the historic Arlington Theatre to commemorate Dr. King and his commitment to justice, equality, peace, freedom, spirituality, and love; and

WHEREAS, local school children are invited to write essays and/or poetry that recognize this year's theme "Retelling Dr. King's Story"; and

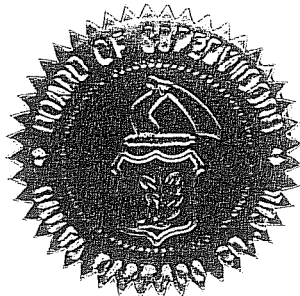
WHEREAS, in 1957 Dr. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an association dedicated to enacting and ensuring civil rights through non-violent civil disobedience principles practiced by Mahatma Gandhi; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1963 Dr. King delivered his "I have a dream" speech in front of 250,000 civil rights supporters at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington. His speech is now a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and is credited with gathering support for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other equality and social justice achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King's words and actions continue to inspire our country to unite with one voice and work together to fulfill his dream of a country and a world where "children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and encourages all residents to reflect on this year's commemoration theme "Retelling Dr. King's Story."

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18th day of January, 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present.



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